Over-Bridges in Bihar

173. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared a comprehensive plan to reconstruct about 200 over-bridges on National Highways in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount to be spent thereon;

(d) the number of such over-bridges in Maharashtra and other States, which are in dilapidated condition and need reconstruction under the National Highway Development Project; and

(e) by when, the repair/reconstruction of such over-bridges is likely to be started and completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (c) No, Sir, However, there is a provision for feasibility study of 13 number of Road Over Bridges on National Highways in the State of Bihar during current Annual Plan (2004-05). The amount allocated for the same is Rs. 1.00 crore.

(d) and (e) Under National Highways Development Project, there are no over-bridges in the State of Maharashtra which are in dilapidated condition and need reconstruction. However, there are 52 over-bridges in the other State which are in dilapidated condition and need reconstruction. The work is targeted to be awarded by June 2005 and completed by December 2007.

Ship-Building and Repairing Industry

174. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some fresh initiatives have been taken recently to strengthen the ship-building and ship-repairing industry, after a review of Government support and subsidies given by other countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof and their present status;